

Hoopa TCCC Newsletter

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TCCC/ANL AmeriCorps Programs Celebrate Martin Luther King Day

Both AmeriCorps programs in Hoopa, attended *North Coast Regional* conference at College of the Redwoods, in Eureka, Ca., celebrating, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; *"Continuing the Dream: Civics, Service and Volunteerism"*.

Corps members attended different workshops throughout the day. They listened to keynote speakers, group discussions or attending multiple film screenings that reflected on the teachings of Martin Luther, King, Jr.

Two of our corps members stated;

David "Snoop" Jackson from La Push, WA., *"I learned quite a bit that day. It was something that I will always remember. The people who put that day together did a good job. I thought it was very educational. I learned a great deal about the civil rights movement the hard struggle, MLK and others went through at that time.."*

Leslie Booth from Carson City, NV., *"I thought that it was interesting. I went to several classes, Discrimination, Rookie Grant writing, Native American Struggles and The Legacy of Rosa Parks."*



What is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day?

Service was at the heart of Dr. King's philosophy. *"Everybody can be great because everyone can serve," he once said, ...and he urged Americans to take action to improve the lives of others,"*

In recognition of that spirit, Congress in 1994 passed the King Holiday and Service Act, which directed the Corporation For National Service to Support local efforts to make the King Holiday a day of service. Since then, millions of Americans have paid homage to Dr. King by serving in projects ranging from stocking food pantries to planting community gardens to training tutors for inner-city schools.



TCCC—TEAM 2 TEARING IT UP

ASSISTING HOOPA HOUSING AUTHORITY LOCATED IN HOOPA, CA. Team 2 lead by Viola Long are doing the first steps to renovating the interiors to six homes. Corps members tasks included removing all the sheetrock and insulation from the walls and ceilings, pulling out every nail from all studs, walls and ceilings.

Once the houses are completed, they will be fully renovated for six families to move into.

As this goes to press team-2 has completed **all** 6 houses. This project was originally written to renovate four houses, but **two extra houses** were added to the project application. Great job Team-2!



OLD BIA APPARTMENT BUILDINGS BEING TORE DOWN

ASSISTING HOOPA HOUSING AUTHORITY LOCATED IN HOOPA, CA. Team 3 led by Charles McCovey is tearing down the old BIA apartment buildings by Hoopa High School. Team— 3 are removing all the boards piece-by-piece to take down the entire building. So far, the project has been going rather quickly. Part of this project will include work on the weekends to remove some hazardous materials

on a portion of the building. This will only take place after the team has received extensive training in HAZMAT. Overall, this project is a good learning experience and is hard work for our members.

Team 1—Assisting TEPA Illegal Dump site Cleanup & Restoration

Team-1 led by Juliene McCovey assisted Curtis Miller project site supervisor in cleaning up illegal dumpsites. After completing this project, the area which was once overrun with illegal trash, is clean and free of all the debris that was dumped illegally.. This site will be restored and put back into its natural state.

a lot of hard work, and not to clean either. Corps members felt good about all the hard work they done. Because in the future when the trees and vegetation start to grow back they will be able to see how their hard work was responsible in help re store the environment.

TEAM-1 TO THE RESCUE STREAM EROSION PREVENTION IN LOLETA, CA

On Jan 31, 2005 Team one left to the Bear River Band of Rhonerville Rancheria to complete a fencing project that will protect the reservation from continued stream erosion and evasion by the local cow population. The team will spend approximately three weeks working to replace and repair the fence and remove overgrown brush from the fence line. While working there, the members are staying in a vacant house owned by the Bear River Band. During the evenings, the Tribe has allowed our members to use their recreation

room to watch television, use the computers, and play basketball. Our members are supervising the recreation room, it also allows other community members to use the facility that would not have been able. This project is in Loleta, Ca. approximately 2-hours from the TCCC campus.

This issue will conclude Team 2 - Corps Member spotlight

The past two issues have featured Team - 2 led by Team Leader-Viola Long. It was a real jump start for team-2, when they first arrived here at Hoopa TCCC campus. They were barely here for a month and got their first call out for disaster relief in Pensacola, Florida. They Assisted with cleanup after hurricane Ivan hit several states on the east coast

It was the first time some of the CM's flew on an airplane. Hector Gonzalez from Warm Springs, Oregon stated that "he will never forget the lights", flying into Orlando, Florida. "As far as the eyes could see there were lights"

David "Snoop" Jackson, from La Push, Washington says "whether projects are here in the Valley, or spiking out in Florida. "all have been a team effort", he further goes on to say "we all work good together."

Hats off to TM 2 they are almost half way through the program.



Raleaf
Blue Dog

Cash
McCovey

Hector
Gonzales

"Snoop"
Jackson

Krista
Bennett

Thomas
Marceau

Leslie
Booth

Viola Long
Team Leader

CORPS MEMBER SPOT LIGHT ROBERT "CASH" MCCOVEY

Robert McCovey or "Cash" as we all know him, is a Yurok tribal member and lives locally here in Hoopa. "Cash" graduated from high school at Captain John here in Hoopa. He is a second year TCCC corps member and at the end of this years program 2004-05 he will be receiving two \$4,725.00 educational awards for his service. I can remember when we recruited "Cash" and later at his interview. One of the questions we asked him was,



What was he most proud of and why? He said, "I am most proud of my brothers and sister because I helped raise them", Now it's the other way around, they are really proud of their brother for setting a good example for them. I asked "Cash" what words of wisdom would he like to give to everyone about joining TCCC. He said, "there are plenty of choices in life, you should take the smart one's." After he finishes this years program, he plans to attend the Carpenters Union apprenticeship program in Vacaville, California.

CORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT RAFEAL BLUEDOG

Rafeal BlueDog or "Waffles" as we all know him here at the Corps. Waffles comes from Sisseton, South Dakota. He is an enrolled member of the Sissaton-Wahpeton-Oyate Reservation. "Waffles" became interested in our program this year, because of



his brother Dillon who was already attending. "Waffles" plans to go back to school and get his high school diploma, after he finishes his service here at TCCC. "Waffles" does independent service hours helping out at the youth center with B-Ball. "Waffles" is up bright and early every morning, never misses P.T.'s.




~ Pat Riley ~

You are now at a crossroads. This is your opportunity to make the most important decision you will ever make. Forget your past. Who are you now? Who have you decided you really are now? Don't think about who you have been. Who are you now? Who have you decided to become? Make this decision consciously. Make it carefully. Make it powerfully.



February 2005

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 5:30pm Basket weav- ing For women @ youth center	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 5:30pm Basket weaving Hoopa	9 HSU Volunteer Fair	10 3pm AIM Inter- net talk show	11 \$\$ Payday	12 CM's Eureka Tripp
13	14 Valentines Day 	15 5:30pm Basket weaving Hoopa	16	17	18	19
20 Spring Begins	21 Holiday Presidents	22 5:30pm Basket weaving Hoopa	23	24 Chemawa Health and Job Fair	25 \$\$ Pay day	26 CM Eureka Tripp
27 Wisdom of the Elders listen on line	28					

UP COMING EVENTS

- February 25th and 26th, 2005 — Career Fair-US Forest-USDA Forest Service
- Saturday, February 26th, 2005 — Candle Light Vigil— Woodley Island, Eureka, Ca.
- March 10th-13th, 2005 — All Indian Basket Ball Tournament
- April 12, 2005 — St. Patrick's Day
- April 15, 2005 — Taxes Due
- April 24, 2005 — Easter Sunday

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